

### Culture and the Arts Ministers of Western Australia

The first Minister for Cultural Affairs was John Trezise Tonkin in his own Labor Government in 1971. David Parker was Minister for the Arts in three different Labor Governments.

Ministry	Name	Ministry Title	Assumption of Office Date	Retirement Of Office Date
<b>Tonkin (ALP) 1971 - 1974</b>	Hon John Trezise Tonkin, MLA	Premier and Minister for Education Environmental Protection and <b>Cultural Affairs</b> (incorporated Indigenous Affairs)	3 Mar 1971	12 Oct 1971
		Premier and Minister for <b>Cultural Affairs</b>	12 Oct 1971	8 Apr 1974
<b>Court (Lib) 1974 - 1982</b>	Hon Graham Charles MacKinnon, MLC	Minister for Education, <b>Cultural Affairs</b> and Recreation	8 Apr 1974	10 Mar 1977
	Hon Peter Vernon Jones, MLA	Minister for Education, <b>Cultural Affairs</b> and Recreation	10 Mar 1977	5 Mar 1980
	Hon William Leonard Grayden, MLA	Minister for Education, <b>Cultural Affairs</b> and Recreation	5 Mar 1980	25 Jan 1982
<b>O'Connor (Lib) 1982 - 1983</b>	Robert Gerald Pike, MLC	Chief Secretary and Minister for <b>Cultural Affairs</b> and Recreation	25 Jan 1982	30 Dec 1982
		Chief Secretary and Minister <b>Cultural Affairs</b> and Recreation	30 Dec 1982	25 Feb 1983
<b>Burke (ALP) 1983 - 1988</b>	Hon Ronald Davies, MLA	Minister for the Environment, Multi-Cultural and Ethnic Affairs and <b>the Arts</b>	25 Feb 1983	20 Dec 1984
		Minister for the Environment, Forests, Multicultural and Ethnic Affairs and <b>the Arts</b>	20 Dec 1984	21 Mar 1985
		Minister for Conservation and Land Management, the Environment, Multicultural and Ethnic Affairs and <b>the Arts</b>	22 Mar 1985	26 Feb 1986
	Hon David Charles Parker, MLA	Minister for Mineral and Energy, <b>the Arts</b> , Minister assisting the Minister Co-ordinating Economic and Social Development	26 Feb 1986	16 Mar 1987

		Minister for Minerals and Energy, Economic Development and <b>the Arts</b>	16 Mar 1987	25 Feb 1988
<b>Dowding (ALP) 1988 - 1990</b>	Hon Yvonne Daphne Henderson, MLA	Minister for Lands and <b>the Arts</b>	25 Feb 1988	28 Feb 1989
	Hon David Charles Parker, MLA	Minister for Resources Development and <b>the Arts</b>	28 Feb 1989	12 Feb 1990
<b>Lawrence (ALP) 1990 - 1993</b>	Hon David Charles Parker, MLA	Minister for Resources and Trade and <b>the Arts</b>	12 Feb 1990	24 April 1990
	Hon Elsie Kay Hallahan, MLC	Minister for Planning, Lands, Heritage, <b>the Arts</b> , and Deputy Leader of the Government in Legislative Council	30 Apr 1990	5 Feb 1991
		Minister for Education, Employment and Training, <b>the Arts</b> , Deputy Leader of the Government in Legislative Council	5 Feb 1991	7 Sept 1992
		Minister for Education, Training and <b>the Arts</b> , Deputy Leader of the Government in Legislative Council	7 Sept 1992	16 Feb 1993
<b>Court (Lib) 1993 - 2001</b>	Hon Peter Gilbert da Conceicao Foss, MLC	Minister for Health, <b>the Arts</b> and Consumer Affairs	16 Feb 1993	3 Nov 1993
		Minister for Health, <b>the Arts</b> and Fair Trading	3 Nov 1993	10 Feb 1995
		Minister for the Environment, Water Resources, <b>the Arts</b> and Fair Trading	10 Feb 1995	21 Dec 1995
		Attorney General, Minister for Justice, the Environment and <b>the Arts</b>	21 Dec 1995	9 Jan 1997
		Attorney General, Minister for Justice and <b>the Arts</b>	9 Jan 1997	22 Dec 1999
	Michael Francis Board, MLA	Minister for Employment and Training, Youth and <b>the Arts</b>	22 Dec 1999	16 Feb 2001
<b>Gallop (ALP) 2001 - 2006</b>	Sheila Margaret McHale, MLA	Minister for Community Development, Women's Interests (from 6 March 2001), Seniors and Youth (from 6 March 2001), Disability Services, <b>Culture and the Arts</b>	16 Feb 2001	26 Feb 2005

		Minister for Community Development; <b>Culture and the Arts</b> ; Women's Interests	26 Feb 2005	25 Jan 2006
<b>Carpenter (ALP) 2006 - 2008</b>	Sheila Margaret McHale, MLA	Minister for Indigenous Affairs; Tourism; <b>Culture and the Arts</b>	25 Jan 2006	13 Dec 2006
		Minister for Tourism; <b>Culture and the Arts</b> ; Consumer Protection	13 Dec 2006	2 Mar 2007
		Minister for Disability Services; Tourism; <b>Culture and the Arts</b> ; Consumer Protection	2 Mar 2007	23 Sept 2008
<b>Barnett (Lib) 2008 - 2013</b>	John Howard Dadley Day, MLA	Minister for Planning; <b>Culture and the Arts</b>	23 Sept 2008	28 Apr 2010
		Minister for Planning; <b>Culture and the Arts</b>	28 Apr 2010	22 Nov 2010
		Minister for Planning; <b>Culture and the Arts</b> ; Environment; Youth.	22 Nov 2010	14 Dec 2010
		Minister for Planning; <b>Culture and the Arts</b> ; Science and Innovation	14 Dec 2010	21 Mar 2013
<b>Barnett (Lib) 2013 - 2017</b>	John Howard Dadley Day, MLA	Minister for Planning; <b>Culture and the Arts</b>	21 Mar 2013	31 Mar 2016
		Minister for Health; <b>Culture and the Arts</b>	31 Mar 2016	17 Mar 2017
<b>McGowan (ALP) 2017 - 2021</b>	David Alan Templeman, MLA	Minister for Local Government; Heritage; <b>Culture and the Arts</b>	17 Mar 2017	13 Mar 2021
<b>McGowan (ALP) 2021 - 2023</b>	David Alan Templeman, MLA	Minister for Tourism; <b>Culture and the Arts</b> ; Heritage	19 Mar 2021	21 Dec 2021
		Minister for <b>Culture and the Arts</b> ; Sport and Recreation; International Education; Heritage	21 Dec 2021	14 Dec 2022
		Minister for <b>Culture and the Arts</b> ; Sport and Recreation; International Education; Heritage	14 Dec 2022	8 June 2023
<b>Cooke (ALP) 2023</b>	David Alan Templeman, MLA	Minister for <b>Culture and the Arts</b> ; Sport and Recreation; International Education; Heritage	8 June 2023	

## Abbreviations

ALP	Australian Labor Party
Govt	Government
LA	Legislative Assembly
LC	Legislative Council
Lib	Liberal
MLA	Member of the Legislative Assembly
MLC	Member of the Legislative Council
Nat	Nationalist
Opp	Opposition

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